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INTRODUCTION

In their role of interpreting the statutes of Missouri, judges have a potential interest in almost any bill enacted. However, for this synopsis certain bills have been selected which appear to have a direct impact on the workload or procedures of the courts, or which appear likely to come to the attention of the courts within a short time. Some bills, which may provide for specific types of cases which are expected to be of low volume and therefore not of general interest, have not been included in this summary.

The individual summaries cover the major points of the bills or those sections that affect the courts, but they do not address every issue in each bill and should not be read as a substitute for reading the bill in the context of the entire chapter in the statutes.

Because of the disparate provisions in many of the bills, they have not been arranged by subject matter, but in numerical order. A table of contents is provided at the front of this document.

Bills become effective August 28, 2001, unless otherwise indicated. We have indicated the date signed on those bills with an emergency clause.

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SENATE BILLS

SCS SB 5 & 21 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FORFEITURE ACT

Revises various provisions of the Criminal Activity Forfeiture Act (CAFA). Defines "seizure" as the point at which an officer or agent discovers and exercises any control over the property, including detaining anyone from leaving the scene of an investigation while in possession of the property. "Seizing agency" is defined as the agency that primarily employs the officer or agent that seized the property, including any agency in which anyone acting on behalf of the agency is employed by the state or any political subdivision. The act amends the requirement for transfer of a case to a federal agency, upon showing that activity giving rise to the seizure involves more than one state, or when it is reasonably likely that federal criminal charges will be filed, based on a written statement of intent to prosecute from the U.S. Attorney with jurisdiction.

Law enforcement must report all seizures to the prosecuting attorney or the Attorney General, and to the state auditor. The prosecuting attorney and Attorney General shall file an annual report regarding the seizure activity to the Department of Public Safety, and to the State Auditor, by January 31. The State Auditor shall make an annual report to the General Assembly by February 28, compiling the various data received. Intentional or knowing failure to comply with these reporting requirements shall be a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000. No property may be transferred to a federal agency without judicial approval, regardless of the identity of the seizing agency. Law enforcement agencies using the federal forfeiture system must file an annual audit with the state auditor's office. Intentional or knowing failure to comply with the auditing requirement of this section shall be a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000. Any property seized by a law enforcement officer or agent shall not be disposed of pursuant to the unclaimed or abandoned property statutes, unless a CAFA proceeding is unsuccessful. 513.605, 513.607, 513.647, and 513.653, RSMo 2000

HS HCS SCS SB 10 DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Currently, court ordered periodic payments are presumed to be paid after 10 years of the due date of each payment, except for those for child support and maintenance due under a domestic relations judgment. This bill also excludes orders dividing pensions, retirement, life insurance and other employee benefits from the current statute of limitations. In these cases, each periodic payment shall be presumed paid 10 years after the date that the periodic payment was due, unless the judgment has been otherwise revived. An action to emancipate a child shall not act to revive the support order.

The bill also provides that real estate liens shall be for 10 years (currently 3 years). 511.350, 511.360, and 516.350, RSMo 2000

CCS HS HCS SS SCS SB 48 FAMILY CARE SAFETY REGISTRY

Modifies the Family Care Safety Registry and other provisions relating to children.

The Family Care Safety Registry currently provides information on child care and elder care workers. This act requires the Registry to provide information on personal care workers as well and providers from the following sources: 1) Missouri State Highway Patrol's criminal record check system; 2) The Division of Family Services' abuse and neglect records; 3) Financial exploitation of the elderly or disabled (as of January 1, 2003); 4) The Division of Aging's employee disqualification list; 5) The Department of Mental Health's employee disqualification registry (as of January 1, 2003); 6) Foster parent licensure denials, involuntary revocations, and involuntary suspensions; 7) Child care facility licensure denials, revocations, and suspensions; and 8) Residential living facility licensure denials, revocations, and suspensions.

The bill also contains the following provision:

Section 1. 1. There is hereby created within the office of the governor a "Child Abuse, Custody and Neglect Commission" which shall evaluate the laws and rules relating to child abuse, neglect, child custody and visitation and termination of parental rights and shall make recommendations on further action or legislative remedies, if any, to be taken as necessary. The commission shall review and recommend standardized guidelines for judicial review of what constitutes the best interest of the child.

2. The child abuse, custody and neglect commission shall be composed of twelve members to be appointed by the governor, including a county prosecutor, a law enforcement officer, a juvenile officer, a certified guardian ad litem, a juvenile court judge, a member of the clergy, a psychologist, a pediatrician, an educator, the chairman of the children's services commission, a division of family services designee, and one citizen of the state of Missouri, chosen to reflect the racial composition of the state, to serve four-year terms and of the members first appointed, four shall serve for a term of two years, four shall serve for a term of three years, and four shall serve for a term of four years.

3. The commission shall make its first report to the governor and the general assembly by February 1, 2002, and any subsequent reports shall be made to the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court and the general assembly as necessary.

4. All members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties for the commission.

5. The office of the governor shall provide funding, administrative support, and staff for the effective operation of the commission.

6. This section shall expire on August 28, 2004.

This bill has an emergency clause. It was signed on 7/6/01. 210.001, 210.900, 210.903, 210.906, 210.909, 210.915, 210.921, 210.927, 210.930, 210.936, 453.073, 630.170 and 630.405, RSMo 2000

HS HCS SS SSCS SB 89 & 37 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

This bill contains many of the drug and anhydrous ammonia provisions found in HB 471, summarized below. The bill also, as does HB 471, establishes a "Drug Courts Coordinating Commission" in the judicial department and a "Drug Court Resources Fund." 160.261, 195.010, 195.235, 195.246 and 570.030, RSMo 2000

SB 223 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Clarifies that a criminal offense is charged when: 1) It is in an indictment or information; or 2) It is a lesser included offense. Also codifies Missouri Supreme Court notes on use for criminal jury instructions, by requiring a court to instruct the jury with respect to a lesser included offense only if there is a basis for acquitting the defendant of the higher charge and convicting him of the included offense. 556.046, RSMo 2000

CCS #2 HS HCS SCS SB 236 CHILDREN/FAMILIES

This act modifies provisions relating to public assistance programs and health care. It also contains the following provisions:

ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP - Placement of a child may not be delayed or denied on the basis of race, color, or national origin. This act removes the requirement in adoptive placement that consideration be given to a child's cultural, racial, or ethnic background. (Section 453.005).

Currently, a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or adult sibling of a child MAY receive adoption subsidies if they are a child's legal guardian. This act adds adult first cousins of the child to the eligibility list. (Section 453.072).

Current law requires Missouri to honor adoption decrees from other states and foreign countries. New language provides that foreign adoptions are recognized when the child has migrated to the United States with permission. (Section 453.170). This bill has an emergency clause. It was signed on 7/6/01.

CCS HCS SS SB 244 VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

This bill contains numerous vehicle regulations including: it suspends the driver's license of those who steal gas from a gas station and permits suits against those who fail to pay for trucking services. The bill also imposes a special \$250 fine for speeding in a construction zone. 301.260, 302.173, 304.015, 304.035, 304.180, 304.580, 307.173, and 307.375, RSMo 2000

CCS HS HCS SCS SB 266 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

This bill contains provisions that primarily relate to the Department of Health. It also contains a provision wherein, if the local board of health determines that a person with active tuberculosis, or who is a potential transmitter, poses an immediate threat to others, the board may file an ex parte petition for emergency temporary commitment according to subsection five of section 199.200:

5. Upon the filing of an ex parte petition for emergency temporary commitment pursuant to subsection 3 of section 199.180, the court shall hear the matter within ninety-six hours of such filing. The local board shall have the authority to detain the individual named in the petition pending the court's ruling on the ex parte petition for emergency temporary commitment. If the petition is granted, the individual named in the petition shall be confined in a facility designated by the curators of the University of Missouri in accordance with section 199.230 until a full hearing pursuant to subsections 1 to 4 of this section is held.

CCS HS HCS SS SCS SB 267 COURT PROCEDURES

This act revises various court procedures in the following manner:

- Following sentencing, courts shall order fingerprinting of convicted persons; deletes requirement that prosecutors file motions for such fingerprinting (43.503.6);
- Allows Associate Circuit Judges to issue criminal investigative subpoenas in the same manner as Circuit Court Judges (56.085);
- Allows Office of Prosecution Services to use general revenue to fund for staff positions (56.765);
- Extends sheriff's duty to collect and account for fines until 2007 (57.130);
- Court costs (\$10) shall be assessed upon nonfelony traffic convictions (67.133);
- A licensed physician or surgeon may perform an autopsy upon court order; autopsy reports shall be available to surviving family, a personal representative or estate administrator (194.115);
- Communications made to a minister or clergy person are privileged with respect to reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect (210.140);
- Creates a right of action for circumstances where a municipality annexes territory within a water district and no agreement on water service can be reached (247.165); Adds provision regarding payment to water supply districts (247.171);
- Unsatisfactory ALJ reviews shall be referred to the ALJ review committee (287.610);
- Courts shall forward convictions of failure to maintain financial coverage to the highway patrol or, on written direction of the patrol, to the Department of Revenue (303.025);
- Revenue may suspend driving privileges and/or vehicle registration for violations of supervision (currently limited to court supervision) (303.041);
- Defines "surety recovery agents" and establishes procedural requirements for same (374.700 and 374.757);
- Review procedure for Public Service Commission cases in Section 386.510 is the exclusive procedure; a copy of writ of review shall be provided to each party (386.515);
- Courts may provide handbooks to petitioners filing for dissolution and may direct that respondents be served a handbook along with the summons (452.556);
- Information regarding adult abuse orders may be entered in the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) using computer links between the court automation system and MULES (455.040);
- Defines courts of record in Missouri (476.010);
- Requires official court reporter to be certified by board of certified court reporter examiners, as provided in Supreme Court Rule 14; depositions must be taken by certified court reporters to be admissible (476.365);

- Adds one associate circuit court judge in Boone County as of August 28, 2001, the same date when 13th judicial circuit's authority to appoint or retain a drug court commissioner expires (478.610);
- Certain municipal judges need not be licensed attorneys if, prior to 1979, they served for at least two years (479.020);
- Deletes reference to repealed section (479.150);
- Limits number of small claims court actions to 8 per year (482.330);
- Notice of appeal costs shall be paid to circuit court where notice is filed, and shall be payable to Department of Revenue (483.500);
- Modifies provisions on surcharges for civil case filings (488.426) and allows Jackson County to change the law library fee to \$20.00;
- Raises surcharge for civil case filings in St. Louis City Circuit Court to \$45 (488.447);
- Removes effective date for additional surcharges on criminal cases (488.607);
- Criminal case surcharge for independent living fund increased from \$0.50 to \$1.00 (488.5332);
- Deletes requirement that \$2 surcharge in criminal cases be reported to the Supreme Court (488.5336);
- Allows automated court records to be accepted as evidence, provided that the source of such records is disclosed to the opposing party (490.130);
- The state shall pay the fee for a translator or interpreter if the person requiring such service is a party to or witness in the proceeding (491.300);
- Costs of jury selection and service shall be paid by the county in which the case was filed (508.190);
- Allows trials de novo for civil cases tried before an Associate Circuit Judge when the claim for damages does not exceed \$3,000 (current cap is \$5,000) (512.180);
- Circuit clerks to issue summons in landlord-tenant cases (534.070) (535.030);
- Allows refund of funds paid on order of a reviewing court when, on remand, a state agency determines that such payment was improper (536.160);
- Inmates may file a post-conviction motion seeking DNA testing if exculpatory DNA evidence may exist (547.035); Establishes procedure for cases where DNA test produces exculpatory results (547.037);
- Where change of venue is taken in either a civil or criminal case, the county where the case was filed must pay trial costs and/or costs of confining a defendant (550.120);
- Excludes mentally retarded individuals from receiving the death penalty (565.030);
- Authorizes courts by local rule to allow social events in courthouses after business hours (574.075);
- Strikes requirement that \$50 be deducted from most crime victims compensation awards; raises cap on such awards to \$25,000 (from \$15,000) (595.030); Such awards shall not be reduced by the amount of any life insurance proceeds (595.035);
- Raises surcharge in criminal cases for Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to \$7.50 (from \$5.00); Allows allocation of moneys remaining in fund to finance the Office for Victims of Crime (595.045);
- A court's judgment or final action taken by a prosecutor shall remain accessible in criminal proceedings where a case is dismissed, imposition of sentence is suspended, or the accused is found not guilty (610.105);
- Expands definition of "predatory" in evaluating sexually violent predators to specifically include acts directed towards family members for the primary purpose of victimization (632.480);
- Written notice that an inmate may meet the criteria of a sexually violent predator shall be given three hundred and sixty days prior to such inmate's anticipated release date (currently one hundred eighty days notice is required) (632.483);
- At any sexual predator jury trial, the judge shall instruct the jury that if it finds that the criteria are met, the person will be committed to the Department of Mental Health for control, care and treatment. All such trials shall be tried in open court (632.492);
- Any determination on whether or not a person is a sexually violent predator may be appealed (632.495);
- Creates office for victims of crime and authorizes a statewide automated crime victim notification system; (650.300)
- Highway patrol shall preserve any evidence leading to a felony conviction which has been or can be tested for DNA (Section 1);
- Allows the City of St. Louis to charge an additional court fee up to \$20 for municipal violations (Section 2); and
- Allows the city of St. Louis to provide for additional court costs up to \$5 per case for municipal violations to be pledged to maintenance and upkeep of courthouses (Section 2).

This summary provided by Senate research staff.

CCS HCS SB 274 COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

Expands coverage under the County Employees' Retirement Fund to include any circuit court appointed officer or employee who is hired and fired and controlled by the Boone County Circuit Court. Any person in a job classification CERF finds ineligible for coverage as of September 1, 2001, shall not be considered an employee unless adequate additional funds are provided for the coverage. 50.1000, 50.1010, 50.1230 and 50.1250, RSMo 2000

HS HCS SB 288 CIRCUIT CLERKS/RECORDER OF DEEDS

This is a comprehensive bill relating primarily to business procedures regulated by the secretary of state, and related matters. It also contains the following provisions:

Allows the governing body of the county rather than the voters to separate the office of the circuit clerk and recorder of deeds in counties of the second class. The recorder of deeds and the circuit clerk will then be elected.

In Marion County, the Circuit Court is allowed to appoint the circuit clerk as ex officio recorder of deeds. This bill has an emergency clause. It was signed on 6/29/01.

HCS SB 348 EXPEDITED ADOPTION

Adds a provision to current law to expedite the placement of a child for adoption in cases in which the child is already under court custody, and changes the twelve-month waiting period to nine months after which a foster family may apply to adopt a child.

The court is currently required to conduct a hearing during the adoption of a child and to ascertain, among other things, that the child has been in custody of the petitioning adoptive parent for at least six months prior to entry of the decree. New language waives the six-month waiting period for children in court custody when the petitioner is a foster parent.

Currently, Section 475.083, RSMo, outlines when a guardianship or conservatorship terminates. New language regarding termination by court order adds that a guardianship may be terminated if the court finds that a parent is fit, suitable, and able to assume guardianship duties and it is in the best interests of the minor. 453.010, 453.070, 453.080 and 475.083, RSMo 2000

HS HCS SB 371 STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

This act clarifies and makes minor modifications to the Missouri State Employees' Plan (MSEP), the Missouri State Employees' Retirement Plan 2000 (MSEP 2000), the Administrative Law Judges and Legal Advisors' Plan (ALJLAP), the Judicial Plan and the Highway and Transportation Employees' and Highway Patrol Retirement Plan (HTEPHRS). Changes to the specific plans are broken down by plan as listed below:

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES - A deferred retirement option plan is created for state employees under MOSERS and HEHPRS. Elected officials and members of the General Assembly are ineligible for the plan. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002 any member who continues to be employed for at least 2 years beyond their first eligibility date may elect to receive an annuity and lump sum payment or payments as defined in the plan.

MSEP and MSEP 2000 - The amount paid to an ex-spouse will be based on a percentage of the monthly annuity rather than a specific dollar amount. The percentage would apply to any lump sum distribution or cost-of-living adjustments. Legislators and statewide elected official will have the same death-in-service benefits and allows them to elect from the same menu of retirement options available to general employee members of the plan. The annuity starting date is clarified. The division of pensions is allowed as of a date specified in a court order or agreed by the parties. If a member fails to make an election within 90 days of the annuity starting date the retirement application will be nullified and must file a new application. If a retiree is rehired as an employee and works more than 1000 hours the retiree will not receive an annuity or accrue additional service and the system will recover benefits paid.

MSEP - The division of benefits order will be based on the value of the MSEP benefit but any increases after retirement will be based on the plan elected at retirement. Language regarding military service credit is clarified and reflects current federal law requirements for military service credit. Proof of service requirements for circuit clerks is clarified. Legislators and statewide elected officials will have the same death-in-service benefits and which allows them to elect from the same menu of retirement options available to general employee members of the plan. The annuity starting date is clarified.

Members of the Board of Trustees are allowed to continue serving until they resign or are replaced by new appointees. Definitions of disability and other rules established by the Board of Trustees may be included in contracts between the Board and other entities. The act modifies responsibilities, obligations and liabilities of insurers or service organizations and clarifies appeal procedures. Unused sick leave is changed from 21 days to 168 hours for purposes of crediting service.

This act would allow for complete transferability of service between MOSERS and HTEHPRS. HTEHPRS is authorized to provide worker's compensation and liability insurance.

MSEP 2000 - Pay is redefined to include any nonrecurring single sum payment. A member may not purchase additional service unless they have met the 5 year requirement. Members retiring under the Rule of 80 are eligible to retain any optional life insurance held immediately prior to retirement. Eligibility will cease at the earliest age for social security eligibility.

The designation of agent language is expanded to include the ALJLAP and Judicial plan. The designation is effective only upon the disability or incapacity of the benefit recipient as determined by the person's physician.

JUDICIAL PLAN - Any judge who has creditable service under Chapter 104 and Chapter 476, RSMo, may make a one-time election upon application to receive all retirement benefits for that service under either Chapter 104 or Chapter 476, RSMo. The contribution rate used for calculating purchase of military service for a judge shall be the computed rate on the date of employment.

STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - This act would create a defined contribution plan for state colleges and universities for teaching personnel, instructors, assistant professors, associate professors, professors, and academic administrators holding faculty rank. MOSERS is authorized to establish the plan, select a third party administrator, select investment products, and establish contribution rates. This portion is similar to SB 389.

MISCELLANEOUS - Any person appointed as a legal advisor who is qualified to receive retirement benefits shall be appointed as a special consultant and shall be eligible for benefits pursuant to sections 287.812 to 287.856. For purposes of public retirement systems the term spouse only recognizes marriage between a man and a woman. 104.010, 104.170, 104.312, 104.330, 104.339, 104.345, 104.372, 104.374, 104.380, 104.395, 104.401, 104.420, 104.450, 104.515, 104.518, 104.530, 104.600, 104.601, 104.602, 104.1003, 104.1021, 104.1024, 104.1027, 104.1030, 104.1039, 104.1051, 104.1072, 104.1078, 104.1093 and 476.524, RSMo 2000

This summary was prepared by Senate research staff.

HOUSE BILLS

CCS SCS HB 80 LAW ENFORCEMENT

Creates the "Missouri Law Enforcement District Act" and the "Multijurisdictional Antifraud Enforcement Group" (MAEG); makes changes in police training requirements; provides that persons suspected of committing certain felonies are to be held for 24 hours; and increases the prosecutor's fee for certain bad checks. This bill has an emergency clause. It was signed on 7/2/01. 32.056, 57.010, 57.020, 57.030, 94.577, 488.5336, 544.170, 570.120, 590.100, 590.101, 590.105, 590.110, 590.112, 590.115, 590.117, 590.120, 590.121, 590.123, 590.125, 590.130, 590.131, 590.135, 590.150, 590.170, 590.175, 590.180 and 590.650, RSMo 2000

SCS HS HCS HB 107 MISSOURI COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE FUND

Creates a "Missouri CASA Fund." The legislation imposes a \$2.00 surcharge on all domestic relations cases to be collected for the fund. The fund is to be administered by the State Courts Administrator. The legislation also creates a "Legal Services for Low-income People Fund" which is to receive 26% of all payments to the Tort Victims' Compensation Fund. The State Treasurer will distribute money from the Legal Services for Low-Income People Fund to legal services organizations in Missouri that receive federal Legal Services Corporation funding. The bill authorizes the Division of Workers' Compensation to make awards to uncompensated tort victims from 74% of payments to the fund. Prevailing plaintiffs in civil tort cases who are unable to collect or enforce judgments are considered uncompensated tort victims under the bill's provisions. 537.675, RSMo 2000

SCS HB 236 JUVENILE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE COMMISSION

Establishes the Juvenile Information Governance Commission, which will recommend and authorize information to be shared between executive agencies and juvenile and family divisions of the circuit courts. The commission will be composed of the directors of the departments of Mental Health, Health, and Social Services; the directors of the divisions of Family Services and Youth Services; the Commissioner of Education; the State Courts Administrator (as chairman); the Superintendent of the Highway Patrol; the Chief Information Officer of the Office of Information Technology of the Office of Administration; 2 juvenile court judges; and 2 juvenile officers. The Commission shall, on January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, transmit a report summarizing the commission's findings to the General Assembly. Chapter 210, RSMo

CCS #2 SCS HCS HB 302 & 38 DWI/.08

This bill will: create programs related to persons with more than .15 BAC; tighten the standard for presuming driving while intoxicated by changing the blood alcohol standard from 0.1 to .08 and increase the penalty for a first offense; change the ignition interlock law; restrict eligibility for a hardship license; restrict probation and parole for some DWIs; expand the circumstances under which a chemical test may be administered; and, increase the minimum time served before probation or parole is granted. There are provisions for traffic court judges' proceedings.

The legislation will also establish a spinal cord injury fund to be administered by the board of curators of the University of Missouri and to be funded by a \$25.00 surcharge on DWI related offenses. This bill has an emergency clause. It was signed on 6/12/01. 302.302, 302.304, 302.309, 302.505, 302.510, 302.520, 302.535, 302.540, 302.541, 479.500, 577.012, 577.021, 577.023, 577.037, 577.041, 577.600 and 577.602, RSMo 2000

SS SCS HS HB 381 TOBACCO SALES TO MINORS

Imposes new restrictions on the sale of gray market cigarettes and of tobacco products to minors, and creates new fines and penalties. 149.015, 407.927, 407.929, and 407.931, RSMo 2000

HB 454 GUARDIAN/CONSERVATOR

This bill allows the former spouse who has been a guardian or conservator of a ward, if the spouse's marriage to the ward is dissolved, to remain as, or be reappointed as, guardian or conservator. 475.110, RSMo 2000

CCS SCS HB 471 DRUG TRAFFICKING

This bill enacts several changes to the law regarding drugs and drug trafficking, including: modifies laws relating to certain products used in methamphetamine production; defines ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine, which are commonly used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, as methamphetamine precursor drugs; adds the delivery of, or possession with intent to manufacture of, more than 24 grams of the precursor drugs to existing drug trafficking law, with a legitimate business exception; provides that possession of more than 24 grams is prima facie evidence of both intent to deliver drug paraphernalia and intent to manufacture amphetamine or methamphetamine, all violations are class D felonies; and prohibits the sale of more than 3 packages that contain any methamphetamine precursor drug in any single transaction and prohibits the sale of any package of any methamphetamine precursor drug that contains more than 3 grams per package. Adds gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) to the Schedule I list of controlled substances and adds both GHB contained in a drug product approved by federal law and ketamine to Schedule III; adds distribution or manufacture of more than 30 grams of any material containing any amount of the substance 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (commonly known as "ecstasy") to the crime of trafficking drugs in the first degree. Establishes a Drug Courts Coordinating Commission and a Drug Court Resources Fund to coordinate, allocate, and distribute resources to drug courts throughout the state; and revises laws involving anhydrous ammonia and liquid nitrogen. 195.010, 195.017, 195.070, 195.222, 195.223, 195.235, 195.246, 195.400 and 570.030, RSMo 2000

SCS HB 945 JURORS/GREENE COUNTY

Gives counties and St. Louis City the option of compensating jurors a minimum of \$18 per day, plus mileage, with \$6 being reimbursed by the state. Jurors in Greene County receive no compensation for the first 2 days of service, but receive \$50 per day for the third and subsequent days of service, plus mileage. The bill also allows moneys collected in Greene County pursuant to Section 488.426, RSMo (allowing a \$15 surcharge on civil case filings to be used for the law library,) to be used for the county's or circuit's family services and justice fund. 488.429 and 494.455, RSMo 2000